

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s): Schofield****Application No.: 09/740,706****Filed: December 19, 2000****Title: System and Apparatus for Dropping and Adding  
Optical Data Streams in An Optical Communication  
Network****Attorney Docket No.: 2204/A78 120-207****Nortel Ref: 13250BAUS01U****Group Art Unit: 2633****Examiner: Ngo****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****AUG 08 2005****Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111****Dear Sir:****In response to the Office Action of March 11, 2005, please consider the remarks below.**